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### **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 8th, 2024**

#### **News from the IRTS**

The IRTS had a very successful and fun participation in the Dublin Maker 2024 festival. This year's event took place at the historic Richmond Barracks, in Dublin 8 over the weekend of Saturday August 31st and Sunday, September 1st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Over the two days, the IRTS stand proved very popular and had massive crowds on both days.

Tony EI5EM's homebrew equipment was a big hit with everyone who stopped by the stall. To encourage the kids to try some CW any kid who sent their name by Morse got to design a badge which they took away with them. Also, on both days a free raffle was held for a chance to win an SDR dongle. The winners were Bibin Madhu and John Fons Lister.

Also in attendance over the weekend was the South Dublin Radio Club. The SDRC crew had HF and UHF/VHF stations in operation as well as an SDR receiver. As per usual, there was the usual great craic, banter, and comradery between both groups, and both complimented each other perfectly. Anyone that called to the IRTS stand asking about a radio in operation were pointed to the SDRC stand to experience the live station. In addition, anyone asking about joining the IRTS or doing the HAREC course at the SDRC stand were directed to the IRTS stand. Both groups achieved the goal of promoting the great hobby we all love and hopefully this will result in gaining some new interest in the hobby from people not familiar with ham radio. It was great to meet visitors from all over the country interested in the hobby, also a few visiting amateurs and former radio officers who were delighted to hear the kids playing on the Morse keys too.

Thanks to the IRTS crew of Ana EI5IXB, Cillian EI2075, Enda EI2II, Joe EI2JZ, Mark EI4FNB, Megan EI5LA, Owen EI4GGB, Pat EI2HX, Seany EI2HZB, Tony EI5EM, and anyone else who helped over the weekend. Thanks to all the organisers who made Dublin Maker 2024 such a great success. We extend a massive thanks to Jeffrey Roe EI7IRB for his invaluable assistance in making our participation possible. The IRTS had a great weekend, and we are looking forward to attending again next year.

The next IRTS committee meeting will take place on Thursday, September 19th at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society or other body may elect a representative and an

alternate annually to attend IRTS committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts\\_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) in advance to ensure notification and links are provided.

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### **IRTS Examination Board announces the next HAREC examination**

The IRTS Examination Board is pleased to announce that the next HAREC examination will be held on the 16th of November 2024. The location for the exam will be the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X3H5.

The doors will be open from 10.30 a.m. for registration and the exam itself will commence at 11.00 a.m. sharp. The exam is two hours long finishing at 1 p.m. The closing date for applications is Thursday the 7th of November. As there are a limited number of places, anyone wishing to sit the exam should forward their application along with the appropriate fee. The application form and the payment details can be found at [www.irts.ie/exams](http://www.irts.ie/exams) You can also contact Mick EI6IKB by email at [irts\\_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie) if you have any other queries about the exam or its location.

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### **IOTA 2024 Results and the IRTS 2m/70cm Counties Contest**

The 2024 Islands on the Air (IOTA) results have been published. Information regarding the EI/GI stations involved in this can be found on the results page of the IRTS website located at [www.irts.ie/results](http://www.irts.ie/results) Well done to all the Irish stations who took part. There was a record number of 30 EI/GI stations who entered a log. Congratulations to EI7M who came first in the multi-two Ireland section and who set a new European record also.

The IRTS 70cm and 2m Counties contests take place next Sunday the 15th of September. The 70cm contest runs for just 30 minutes starting at 2 p.m. This is immediately followed by the 2m contest running from 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. All stations and clubs are encouraged to take part in what is a fun and friendly event. Further details can be found at [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests)

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC**

On the 28th and 29th of September, EI2WRC will be active from the Waterford and Suir Valley Railway station Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford for the 2024 Railways on the Air event. Waterford Suir Valley Railway Company CLG was established to preserve and promote Waterford's rich railway heritage. The aim to develop and operate a 10km section of the abandoned Waterford to Dungarvan Railway line from Kilmeaden Station to Bilberry, Waterford city as a tourist attraction. The vision is that the area through which the railway travels will become a linear park. The intention is that the railway will service other attractions along the route, eventually extending to Waterford city and operating with a steam engine. For more information about the WSVR please see [www.wsvrailway.ie](http://www.wsvrailway.ie) For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie)

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### **DX Féile 2024**

The EIDX Group is proud to announce this year's DX Féile line-up for Saturday October 5th in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. This year's convention will see presentations from the

recent N5J DXpedition to Jarvis Island, the current CY9C DXpedition to St. Paul Island, the 8R7X team from Guyana will be attendance, and not forgetting EIDXG's own 7P8EI activity from Lesotho earlier this year.

You are invited to come and meet Ireland's DXers and have a great day out with the hugely popular CW and SSB simulated pileups and fun DX Quiz to name a few. Accommodation packages are almost fully sold out however there are still some day tickets available for the convention. These still need to be pre-booked in advance. For further information please contact David, ei9fbb /at/ gmail.com or telephone 087 7444777.

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### **Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club**

Following the summer break, monthly meetings of the club will re-commence at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday the 12th of September in Room 10A05 of the Technological University of the Shannon, Midlands, Midwest at Moylish in Limerick. At the meeting, the club will review the recent successful activation of Loop Head Lighthouse, look forward to the coming series of meetings, and Diarmuid EI4LF will give a presentation on his recent visit to the G-QRP Convention including the construction of a 40 metre five-watt transmitter.

The club submitted detailed and constructive comments recently on two documents issued during the summer. The first of these was their response to ComReg Document 24/65 which deals with several issues impacting amateur radio. The second dealt with an IARU Region 3 paper entitled HF 40m Band Plan Challenges and Proposals 2024 v3.1 which proposed a severe curtailment of access to the 40 metre band for CW users.

Activations of their station at the Shannon Aviation Museum, callsign EI4SAM, continue each Saturday from 11.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with 7.123 MHz as the initial calling frequency, plus or minus QRM.

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### **Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News**

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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